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SUBJ: CIVAIR TALKS WITH SINGAPORE

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- 1. UNLESS USDEL AT MELBOURNE CABLES CONTRARY VIEWS, REQUEST EMBASSY SINGAPORE ACT ON BASIS PARA 2 BELOW ON MAY 7.
- 2. USDEL CANNOT WAIT AROUND FROM MAY 14 TO 28 TH TO MEET WITH SINGAPORE. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES DESIRE HOWEVER THAT USDEL VISIT SINGAPORE TO PURSUE PROBLEM OF PANAM SERVICE WHICH IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO AIRLINE. EMBASSY REQUESTED THEREFORE PRESS GOS TO FIND SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF MAY 14 TO MEET WITH USDEL. IF NEGOTIATIONS THAT WEEK WITH SOUTH VIETNAM ARE IN SINGAPORE, HOPEFULLY AT LEAST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A MORNING AND AN AFTERNOON WOULD BE AVAILABLE. THIS WOULD NOT OF COURSE PROVIDE ENOUGH TIME TO NEGOTIATE A FULL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, BUT POSSIBLY SOME INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR PANAM PASSENGER SERVICE COULD BE WORKED OUT PENDING LATER NEGOTIATIONS FOR FULL AGREEMENT. FYI. IN FACT, THIS WOULD BE OPTIMUM SOLUTION FROM US VIEWPOINT. END FYI.

3. IF FOREGOING ARRANGEMENT CANNOT BE WORKED OUT, REQUEST EMBASSY AND USDEL VIEWS WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR

ONE OR TWO MEMBERS USDEL TO MEET WITH MINISTER TRANSPORT OR OTHER SENIOR GOS AVIATION OFFICIAL ON EITHER MAY 14, 15 OR SO FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION SUBJECT AND ATTEMPT LAY GROUNDWORK FOR EMBASSY PURSUING THE INTERIM US OBJECTIVES OR, IF NEED BE, FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT.

4. FOR MELBOURNE: IN PARA 3 ABOVE, WE HAVE IN MIND VISIT BY MEADOWS AND HOPEFULLY MEMBER GILLILLAND OF CAB. RUSH

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